THE FRIEND.

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ddress at the Chinese Church, Sabbath Afternoon, Jan. 2d, 1881, by Rev. S. C. Damon.

The dedication of the first Chinese Church lifice in Honolulu, and on the Hawaiian lands, is an event of no ordinary interest n the history of Christianity in the Pacific ean. In order to appreciate the importance f the event, it seems highly proper to take ote of events in the history of the Chinese nmigration to the islands. It is more than fty years since a few Chinese came hither, ut it is only about twenty-five years since ny efforts were made for the educational or eligious instruction of this portion of our sland population. I am not aware that anyhing was done in the way of teaching the Chinese English until Mr. Watt, a Scotchman, taught a small private school on the Bethel premises, about a quarter of a century ago. Several pupils taught by Mr. Watt have subsequently become merchants in Honolulu.

The first preaching of the gospel among the Chinese, and in their own language, was by the Rev. W. Speer, D.D., in the year of 1856. Mr. Speer had been a missionary in China under the American Presbyterian Board of Missions. To hear him preach, a large Chinese audience assembled at the Bethel. Mr. Speer wrote some articles relating to the Chinese, which were published in the FRIEND.

No systematic effort was made to evangelize the Chinese until Mr. S. P. Aheong was employed by the Hawaiian Board, during the years 1868, 1869 and 1870, when he left with his Hawaiian wife for China, where he died, and not until the year 1879, his wife and children returned. Mr. Aheong was really an educated and talented Chinese, and preached with much eloquence. He was from the educated class in China. On his arrival at the islands he fell under the influence and was employed by Mr. Torbert at Makawao. While in the Rev. Mr. Green's school, and under the teaching of his daughter Mary, this young Chinaman learned to speak and read the English language with great ease and fluency. So much were his services valued by the Hawaiian Board, that during the last year of his evangelistic labors he received a salary of $1200. He relinquished his store at Lahaina to engage in preaching the gospel to his countrymen, who ever listened to his addresses with delight, for he could speak in several of the dialects of China. At the time of his sailing for China in May, 1870, there were estimated to be 1500 Chinese on the islands.

The interest then awakened led to the establishment of two Chinese evening schools in Honolulu. This was in the month of April, 1869. One of these schools was under the auspices of Mr. E. Bonner, a lay-preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The other one was taught by Mr. Dunscombe on the Bethel premises. On my return from the United States and Europe in the spring of 1870, only Mr. Dunscombe's school was in successful operation. Being fully impressed with the importance of the education of the Chinese, as there was no organized effort to carry forward the school, I resolved that it should not be given up. In order to sustain Mr. Dunscombe in his self-denying work, I applied to the Board of Education for a grant, which has proved of great assistance. For several years this grant was $200 per annum, but of late years it has been increased to $300. This appropriation with other aid, which I held out, encouraged him to go forward. The pupils who were able have, in addition, paid one dollar per month, while many have been taught free of charge. The school has been held three evenings each week at the Bethel Vestry during the last eleven years. It has averaged about sixteen or eighteen pupils, but at times risen to twenty-five, and at other times fallen below the average. Yesterday the teacher reported to me as follows: "The list of scholars for the first year of the Chinese school has been mislaid, i. e., for 1869, and 1870, but from April, 1870, up to the present time, Dec, 31st 1880, the total number of scholars has been 265, embracing as follows:

Chinese	248
Japanese	14
White boys	2
Natives of Guam	1
	265

What renders this report the more interesting and important, is the fact that several names in the catalogue of Mr. D's pupils, are now enrolled among the members of this first Chinese church, Peter Lee Sam, Goo Kim, and others are there. I do not think it would be dishonoring to the Great Head of the church to assert, that out of that school has sprung this church. Do not for a moment imagine that I overlook or undervalue the Sabbath-afternoon-school, at Fort street church, under the management of Mr. Atherton. The invaluable services of our excellent preacher and evangelistic laborer Mr. Sit Moon, have been most useful, who has labored so unweariedly and preached so constantly during the last seven and more years, under the auspices of our Y. M. C. A. Mr. Sit Moon and other Chinese evangelists have preached regularly every Sabbath at the Bethel, during the last seven and nine years. During the last two years, they have held services at the Lyceum, Sabbath morning, besides the Chinese have sustained a weekly prayer-meeting at the Bethel or at the Lyceum. The efforts of the Y. M. C. A. in behalf of Chinese evangelization on the Hawaiian Islands, are deserving of all praise. During the past two years, the Hawaiian Board has again taken up the work of Chinese evangelization, and I trust it will not again be relinquished for any consideration. The Rev. Dr. Hyde has most efficiently acted as an exponent of the views of the members of the Board.

The public has already been made acquainted with the facts relating to the organization of this church, during the month of June, 1879. Efforts of an evangelistic nature have been carried forward in Hawaii, Maui and Kauai, as well as Oahu. Appeals for pecuniary aid have not been in vain, when made to many of the planters and others. The plantation of Kohala supports a colporteur, at its own expense. We could wish that the proprietors of other plantations might be inclined to do the same.

In referring to the growth and developement of the Christian element among our Chinese population, I should be exceedingly negligent, did I not give a prominent place to *their* Y. M. C. A. This organization is purely of their own establishment, I am not aware as they were aided or assisted by any outside advisers, except in the matter of securing a charter from the Hawaiian Government. It has been in vigorous and successful existence for several years.

It is a signally note-worthy feature, that the Association runs a retail store in aid of its funds. It is the second store from the corner, below Chaplain Street, on Nuuanu Street. At one time this Association appropriated $400 for the purchase of lots in the New Cemetery, east of "Punchbowl." This fact indicates that among the Christian Chinese, there is an abandonment of the idea of removing the dead to China!

From a long course of observation and Pastoral labor among the Christian Chinese, I am fully convinced that those professing to have embraced the Christian faith are taking up and carrying forward all departments of Christian work to an equal degree, with Christians belonging to other races, represented in our island community. I would add that I have been frequently called upon to officiate at funerals among them, and upon the Records of the Bethel Church I find 30 Christian marriages of Chinese with Hawaiians, or Chinese women.

In referring to the Christian Chinese upon the island, I should not omit to note the fact, that at least, 100 Christian Chinese have arrived in our islands from mission stations in China. The larger proportion are from the Basle Mission Church in Hongkong under the Pastorate of the Rev. R. Lechler. Some are from the Rhenish Mission, conducted by the Rev. E. Faber. It is an interesting and note-worthy, and most commendable custom for these Christian Chinese to bring the certificates of Church membership. Only a few days since eight immigrants from China came to my study with their certificates. So far as I am able to learn these professing Christians have adorned their profession of Christianity with a degree of firmness and propriety that might be emulated by many professing Christianity as they come from America and Europe.

In closing these remarks, I would add that whatever may be the social, political, and financial views of Hawaiians, Americans and Europeans residing on these islands, touching the large influx of Chinese, one thing is certain, that every possible effort should be put forth for their immediate evangelization. The organization of this church and the erection of this commodious edifice, are things for which we are bound to give thanks. No effort in the way of schools and religious teachings should be neglected, but strenuously encouraged. I rejoice to learn that a Christian lady, from the United States, and she being one who has had ten years' experience of missionary work in China, arrived by the last steamer from San Francisco, and commences a school among Chinese women to-morrow on these premises. I refer to Miss Payson, a niece of the eminently pious and good minister, of Portland, Maine, the Rev. Dr. Payson. All that has hitherto been done in behalf of our Chinese population, I think is only a pleasing earnest of what may be undertaken and successfully accomplished in coming years. I entertain the fond hope that a light is to be here kindled which shall enlighten, not a few coming hither, but even a greater number, now dwelling on the shores of Asia. Why not? We have the promises of God to encourage us, and the command of our Blessed Lord "Go, teach all nations." If it is our duty to teach the lesser nations, surely the greatest in population should not be overlooked! If we are faithful in our day and generation then may we hope to witness the fulfillment of that prophecy of Isaiah "Behold, these shall come from far; and lo, those from the North, and those from the South, and those from the lannd of Sinia!" 49: 12.

Act of Dedication.

The Bible tells us it is right to dedicate publicly to God the houses we build for His worship, and so we wish to do. We are met here to do this; to separate this building from all common uses; to dedicate it to its religious use. We thank God we have been able to build this house, and we now give it to Him. We dedicate it to reading the Bible, to prayer and singing, to baptism and Communion, and all other acts of worship and service taught by the Lord Jesus Christ. We dedicate these rooms, these seats, this pulpit, every part of this building, and all its furniture, to help us live as our Heavenly Father wants all his children to live. We ask the Holy Spirit to dwell with us, and with all who may worship here, and prepare us for the better service and purer worship of Heaven above. And because this dedication of a building is of no use without the dedication of members, I call upon you all here to dedicate yourselves to the service of God, body and soul, all the labor of your hands, and all the purposes of your hearts. So may the Kingdom of God come, and His will be done by all people in all the earth. That God may be pleased to accept this solemn dedication—Let us pray.

THE City of New York arrived on Thursday, about four in the afternoon, over nine days from San Francisco, having experienced the roughest and most stormy trip for years. She lost two men overboard, and a boat was torn away and lost. Passengers, for the first time on this route, thought it all but Pacific.

NOTICE.—The Week of Prayer is observed in Honolulu, meetings held at 11 A. M. at the Bethel, and 7 P. M. at Fort Street vestry.

Chinese Subscriptions.

IN HONOLULU:

Goo Kim	$ 500	
Chu lan	500	
Ah Sieu	500	
C. Afong	250	
A. Kana	250	
Lahlo	150	
Jah Fok	150	
Tasee	150	
Sit Moon	100	
Ah Kow	100	
Hon Lon Kee	50	
Mat Chung Fok	50	
Ho Sang Ka	50	
Wong Wo Tai	50	
Kong Chee ah Hon	40	
Suey Min Co	40	
Quong Eng Co	40	
Goo Org Chung	40	
Tai Ken Chen	40	
Wong Yap Sin	30	
Yie Morn Hop	30	
Gun Yek Foy	20	
Go Wee Fong		
Leong Jat Pin		
Quong Way Sing		20
Chung Wa Company		25
Chung Fat Kee	20	25
Chung Hop Kuey		20
Wing Chong Tai		20
Two others, each $15		30
Nine others, each $10		90
Paid and Subscribed in Honolulu	3	639
Unpaid and " " "		411
Total in Honolulu	4	050
Subscribed in Hilo		150
" " Kauai		275
" " Maui		375
" " Kohala		400

FOREIGN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

J. T. Waterhouse	1	200
T. H. Davies		250
Lewers & Dickson		200
Wilder & Co		200
E. O. Hall & Son		200
C. Brewer & Co		100
C. R. Bishop & Co		100
Rev. S. C. Damon		100
H. Dimond		100
Castle & Cooke		100
J. T. Waterhouse, Jr		100
Rev. E. Bond		100
Kohala Church		100
Hackfeld & Co		100
Ed. Hoffschlager & Co		50
Hyman Bros		50
Phillips & Co		50
Grinbaum & Co		50
F. Schaefer & Co		50
Castle & Hatch		50
Dillingham & Co		50
Allen & Robinson		50
A. W. Pierce		30
W. L. Green		50
H. Macfarlane		25
G. Macfarlane		25
E. P. Adams		25
C. Brown		25
Judge McCully		25
S. M. Damon		25
J. Nott & Co		25
A. S. Cleghorn		25
A. F. Cooke		25
H. May		25
W. F. Allen		25
J. Hopper		25
H. E. McIntyre		25
Rev. C. M. Hyde	20	00
A. S. Wilbur		10
Jas. Hendry		10
James Love		10
Rev. T. Coan		
C. F. Dillingham		
Subscribed	3	79
Unpaid		35
Paid	3	44

RECAPITULATION.

Cash paid by Chinese in Honolulu	$3	639
" " " in other places		831
	$4	470
Cash paid by Foreigners	3	440
	$7	910
Estimated to be scbscribed, but not paid	1	100
	$9	010

ON HAND FOR FAIR.

H. A. P. Carter	$	100
Judge Judd		10
C. Preston		10
Donations		160
Tickets sold		120
	$	400
Total	$ 9	410
Estimated cost of Church	6	000
Land	4	500
Interest, &c		200
Total	$10	700

TEMPERANCE.—We are glad to welco the widely known temperance lecturer, Banks McKenzie, Esq., and announce t he will lecture at Fort street church, n Sabbath evening.